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SUBJECT: KHADDAM REFORMULATES SYRIAN CONDITIONS FOR RECONCILIATION
WITH SADAT

1. DESPITE CONTINUING BARRAGE OF SYRIAN MEDIA CRITICISM
DIRECTED AGAINST PRESIDENT SADAT, FONMIN KHADDAM IN AN
INTERVIEW PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR BONN HAS, IN TYPICAL
BACKHANDED FASHION, SOFTENED SLIGHTLY SYRIA'S PUBLICLY
STATED CONDITIONS FOR RECONCILIATION WITH THE EGYPTIAN
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PRESIDENT. IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO LOCAL DPA STRINGER
FARES ON JUNE 5, KHADDAM REITERATED SARG'S OFT-STATED
BELIEF THAT SADAT'S INITIATIVE HAS FAILED. HE THEN SAVAGED
SADAT BY COMPARING HIS JERUSALEM VISIT TO THE ACTIONS OF
MARSHAL PETAIN AND RUDOLF HESS. HE CHARACTERIZED SADAT'S
INITIATIVE AS "THEATRICAL" AND ACCUSED HIM OF "SACRIFICING
THE NATIONAL INTEREST." HE SAID THAT SADAT "SHOULD NOW CARRY

OUT THE COMMITMENT HE MADE TO PRESIDENT ASSAD WHEN HE VISITED DAMASCUS PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM AND ALSO TO THE EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT--NAMELY TO ASSUME HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF FAILURE. THEREFORE, SADAT SHOULD DO NOW WHAT IS NORMALLY DONE BY ANY LEADER OF ANY COUNTRY WHEN HE FAILS IN CARRYING OUT HIS POLICY."

2. HOWEVER, AFTER FINISHING HIS DIATRIBE, KHADDAM STATED THAT THERE ARE THREE SYRIAN CONDITIONS FOR RESUMING JOINT ARAB ACTION WITH SADAT:

- A) THAT SADAT DECLARES HE ABANDONS HIS INITIATIVE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES;
- B) THAT SADAT DECLARES HIS COMMITMENT TO ABIDE BY JOINT ARAB ACTION; AND
- C) THAT SADAT CLOSES ALL THE DOORS HE HAS OPENED WITH THE ISRAELIS.

3. KHADDAM THEN GOES ON TO REAFFIRM SYRIA'S DESIRE FOR A JUST PEACE BASED UPON UN RESOLUTIONS.

4. COMMENT: KHADDAM APPEARS TO HAVE AMENDED SYRIA'S PREVIOUSLY STATED PUBLIC POSITION THAT SADAT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE FAILURE OF HIS POLICY, BUT HE STILL DEMANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT HIS INITIATIVE HAS COME TO AN END. HE ALSO MORE EXPLICITLY STATES SYRIA'S WISH THAT SADAT PLEDGE HIMSELF TO JOINT ARAB ACTION. THUS, THE BARGAINING CONTINUES WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEITHER SIDE APPARENTLY IN A RUSH TO RECONCILE BEFORE THE COMING MONTHS GIVE A FINAL VERDICT ON SADAT'S INITIATIVE.
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